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Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi.  
We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

## **Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request** **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-L-033**

### **You asked:**

**Please can you provide details of how every dental contract in every/your Health Board for this current financial year (FY23), including**

**1. The name and location of the contract**

Please see attached

**2. Whether the contract is operating under the new Welsh dental contract**

Please see attached

**3. The targeted UDAs and specific Key Performance Indicators (KPI) necessary for 100% of the contract to be paid and not clawed back (i.e. number of new patients seen, number of fluoride varnishes, number of historic patients etc)**

This information is withheld. Section 43 of the Act sets out an exemption for the right to know if release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (a person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity). Section 43 is a qualified exemption. That is, it is subject to the public interest test.

Dental practices are independent contractors and information relating to their contract values is commercially sensitive. This request relates to commercial activity in the current financial year which is being conducted in a competitive environment. The data could damage the confidence or reputation of a dental practice.

The Health Board accepts that there is a public interest in ensuring openness and transparency and there is an interest in the public being aware of how much money is spent and the benefits derived from that expenditure. However, the Health Board believes that disclosure of information in a manner which fails to protect the interests and relationships arising in a commercial context could have the effect of discouraging dental practices from dealing with the Health Board



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because of fears that the disclosure of information could damage them commercially. In turn this could then jeopardise the Health Boards ability to compete fairly and pursue its function to bring forward development in the area and obtain value for money. It was therefore decided that it is not in the publics' interest to disclose this information.

- 4. For each month (or if you do not have this, either each quarter or cumulatively year to date): -**
- a. The number of UDAs delivered by each contract**
  - b. The performance of each contract against each KPI**

Please see question 3

- 5. The total amount of clawback that has so far been taken from each dental contract in monetary and UDA terms**

No clawback has been instigated for 2022/23, this will not be calculated until the final activity levels for each contract in 22/23 is confirmed.

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